

**Friday, 1 August 2025 - Closing Ceremony**

**Farewell Remarks by Ms. NAKAYAMA Rieko**

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In closing the 60th DGCA conference, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretary-General of ICAO, Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar; the Regional Director of the ICAO APAC Office, Mr. Tao Ma; the esteemed Directors General; distinguished delegates; and ladies and gentlemen.

Thanks to your kind cooperation and support, I was able to chair the conference effectively and ensure its smooth progress.

The conference began with an insightful, high-level panel discussion moderated by Ambassador Onuma, followed by lively and substantive discussions based on approximately 100 discussion papers covering 10 themes, including aviation safety, air navigation, aviation security and facilitation, economic development of air transport, environment, capacity development, and implementation.

I believe that these five days have provided us with an opportunity to share common challenges and efforts that aviation authorities in the Asia-Pacific region must address, and to reaffirm the importance of working together to achieve "sustainable skies."

I am also aware that many bilateral side meetings were held during the conference, and I hope that they served as opportunities to strengthen relations and conduct deeper discussions between the individual authorities.

I would also be delighted if you had the chance to enjoy the rich culture, nature, and cuisine of Sendai and the wider Tohoku region through dinners and tours.

As everybody here is aware, the ICAO General Assembly will be held this fall. Let us continue to work closely together to contribute to the sustainable development of civil aviation in the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide.

Lastly, I would like to once again express my sincere appreciation to everyone who made this five-day conference such a meaningful and fruitful event.

Thank you very much for your participation.